



2019 Auto Glass Technician Calibration Competition

2019 Calibration Competition Rules and Regulations

The Auto Glass Technician Calibration Competition sponsored by Opti-Aim is a premier international competition designed to find and honor the auto glass technician who completes the best auto glass calibration. The technology behind Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) often makes recalibration of the ADAS system necessary after a windshield replacement. This competition will focus on the proper methods and technology used in such calibrations. Congratulations on your decision to be part of competition that will bring the industry's forward thinking technicians together under one roof.

By competing, all competitors must agree, comply and adhere with all rules and regulations throughout the competition. The decisions of the judges and organizers are final and without contestation or appeal. The judges look for all proper procedures and it is up to each competitor to take each step.

The competition is not a test of speed; it is a test of quality. Time is only a factor in the case of a tie score. In such a case, the competitor taking less time to complete the calibration will win. You will be allotted up to 90 minutes to complete a static calibration and, if not finished, you will be asked to stop. Competitors will be judged only on the work that was completed and will not receive points for non-completed items. After the judging process has finalized, competitors who did not finish must then complete the calibration process so that the vehicle is safe to drive.

Preliminary Competitions and Finals

All Auto Glass Technician Calibration competitors will receive a call during the month of July to set up their primary heat. Technicians will be responsible for completing a full calibration on a vehicle. There will be no advance notice of the make/model of the competition vehicles or the parts to be removed and/or installed before the competition begins. The technicians with the three highest scores will become the finalists.

The top three competitors will be invited to compete in person in the finals round to be held on Wednesday, September 4 at Auto Glass Week™ 2019. If the finalist cannot attend, the next highest scorer will be invited. All finalists will receive a free full registration to Auto Glass Week. The gold medalist and grand champion will be announced at the Closing Awards Ceremony on Friday, September 6 and will receive a prize of \$5,000 and bragging rights as the “World’s Best Auto Glass Calibration Technician.”

A mandatory finalist meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, at 12:00 p.m. Any changes in time or location after August 31 will be provided by text message.

Any finalist not arriving by the start of the finals may be disqualified.

Materials

Organizers and supporters of the event will provide all equipment necessary to complete the static calibration. If you prefer to bring your own Diagnostic Tool you may do so, however it is not required.

Every effort has been made to provide cars of equal condition and difficulty. On those occasions when this is not possible, the judges will take the degree of installation difficulty into consideration.

Proctors will monitor the finalist’s stations. Proctors must be protected from possible injury. Do not assume your customer would have safety equipment on.

Judging

Judges may speak to a competitor directly, but all communication from competitors to judges must go through the proctor. No communication initiated by competitors directed to the judges will be answered. In cases of concern, have the proctor take note of the item and it will be given to the judges for consideration at the end of the heat. Competitors have the opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A with the judges during the mandatory competitor meeting.

No foul language by competitors or their supporters will be tolerated and it is grounds for disqualification. Competitors should refrain from any interaction (conversation) with spectators, other competitors, judges or organizers unless questioned by a proctor or judge directly. Interaction with persons other than your proctor during the competition may result in disqualification. If communication, directions and/or instruction is given to competitors those points will be removed automatically and the competitor may be disqualified.

Disruptive spectators will be asked to leave the competition floor following one warning. There will be no communication between spectators and competitors. If communication takes place and the competitor responds, it is grounds for an immediate disqualification.

Grounds for a 10-point Deduction

The following may be cause for a 10-point deduction:

- Lateness or lack of attendance at the mandatory meeting (minimum 10 pts);
- Continuing to work past the allotted time.

Grounds for Disqualification:

The following may be cause for disqualification:

- Not arriving by the start of the finals;
- Providing incorrect information;
- Foul language and misrepresentation; and/or
- The use of a cell phone, camera, headphones or video device during the competition.

Permissions and Additional Items

In order to compete, you must be employed currently as a technician in a bona fide auto glass repair or replacement company and must be a manufacturer certified calibration technician. Competitors will be asked for their serial number on the competitor registration form as proof of training and certification. Owners or managers of supplier companies may not compete themselves. Competitors must be at least 18 years of age by the end of the competition.

As a participating member of this event, you will sign a license for permission to use your name, photograph and image for future promotion. This license is irrevocable, worldwide in scope, royalty-free and covers all possible uses of the work in all media. By competing, you understand and allow event management to contact you via email, fax, phone and text in the future.

Competitors are not permitted to use cell phones, cameras, headphones or video devices during any heats of the competition.

Your own professional uniform should be worn for the Closing Awards Ceremony. If a winner is unable to attend the Closing Awards Ceremony they will receive their title, but will not receive the prize money. Competitors must notify the competition coordinator within 60 days of the event closing if they have not received their award money or the award money may be forfeited.

Appeals

There is no right of appeal or contestation. Competitors will be provided their finals scores, but judges' notes and deductions will not be disclosed. Competitors understand that the judges' decision is final and beyond contestation and that all decisions of the event management are final and not subject to appeal. These rules and regulations shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Stafford. Venue for any dispute regarding the rules and regulations shall be in the County of Stafford, Commonwealth of Virginia, and adjudicated there. If modifications to the rules are made, every effort will be made to notify competitors of those changes prior to the competition.